

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application. Claims 2-4, 6-15, and 20 have been amended. Claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim ~~4~~ 11, wherein the locking member comprises a finlike handle.
3. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim ~~4~~ 11, wherein the locking member comprises an undulating grip.
4. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim ~~4~~ 11, wherein the locking member comprises a skeletal handle.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim ~~5~~ 11, wherein the locking member comprises a cavity grip cavity grip having an indentation approximating the shape of a human thumbprint.
7. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim ~~5~~ 2, wherein the finlike handle is radially extends outward from approximately one longitudinal end of the locking member.

8. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim 5 3, wherein the undulating grip comprises ten waves.
9. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim 5 11, wherein the locking member comprises both a skeletal handle and an undulating grip.
10. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim 5 11, wherein the locking member comprises both a finlike handle and an undulating grip.
11. (Currently amended) A luer fitting connector assembly ~~operable to interconnect a male luer fitting member and a female luer fitting member, the luer fitting connector assembly comprising:~~

~~one of the a male or female luer fitting members having a longitudinal axis and adapted for connection at a forward end thereof with a female or male luer fitting, respectively, said one of the male or female luer fitting members comprising a conical restraining surface, the conical restraining surface comprising a rim approximately orthogonal to the said longitudinal axis of said one of the male or female luer fitting members; the luer fitting member further comprising an annular surface approximately orthogonal to said longitudinal axis; and~~

~~a locking member comprising a hollow central lumen, an annular, inwardly protruding plateau shaped protrusion, and a body that extends axially beyond at least a portion of the conical restraining surface and toward a proximal the forward end of said one of the male or~~

~~female luer fitting members when the locking member is mounted upon said one of the male or female luer fitting members; wherein the locking member can in assembly of the connector assembly be moved from a rearward end of the luer fitting member toward the forward end thereof, with said protrusion snapping over said conical restraining surface; and wherein said protuberance is adapted in use of the connection to engage said annular surface as a positive stop.~~

12. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim 11 wherein ~~said one of the male or female luer fitting members comprises an annular surface approximately orthogonal to the longitudinal axis of a fluid flow conduit~~, wherein the annular surface uniformly mates with a corresponding annular surface of the plateau shaped protrusion.
13. (Currently amended) The luer fitting connector assembly of claim 11 wherein the rim uniformly mates with a corresponding annular surface of the plateau shaped protrusion.

14. (Currently amended) A method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly comprising a locking member and a male or female luer fitting member, the method comprising:

providing one of a male or female luer fitting members comprising a conical restraining surface, the conical restraining surface comprising a rim approximately orthogonal to the longitudinal axis of said one of the male or female luer fitting members and an annular surface approximately orthogonal to said longitudinal axis;

providing a locking member comprising a hollow central lumen, an annular, inwardly protruding plateau shaped protrusion, and a body that extends axially beyond at least a portion of the conical restraining surface and toward a proximal forward end of said one of the male or female luer fitting member when the locking member is mounted upon said one of the male or female luer fitting members; and

mounting the locking member upon said one of the male or female luer fitting members from ~~the~~ a rear of said of the male or female luer fitting members, with said protrusion snapping over said conical restraining surface; whereby the luer fitting connector assembly is assembled with said protuberance being adapted in use of the connection to engage said annular surface as a positive stop.

15. (Currently amended) The method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly of claim 14, wherein ~~said one of the male or female luer fitting members further comprises an annular surface approximately orthogonal to the longitudinal axis of the fluid flow conduit~~, the annular surface uniformly mates with a corresponding annular surface of the plateau shaped protrusion.

16. (Original) The method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly of claim 14, wherein the rim uniformly mates with a corresponding annular surface of the plateau shaped protrusion.

17. (Original) The method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly of claim 14, wherein the locking member comprises a finlike handle.

18. (Original) The method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly of claim 14, wherein the locking member comprises an undulating grip.

19. (Original) The method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly of claim 14, wherein the locking member comprises a skeletal handle.

20. (Currently amended) The method of assembling a luer fitting connector assembly of claim 14, wherein the locking member is rotatably mounted upon said one of the male or female luer fitting members.